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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT- (SEPTEMBER 2009)

- 11. Summary: Robert Hessler assumed the position of EXBS Advisor to Turkey. TDY EXBS Advisor, Kevin Cummings, provided a week of orientation and accompanied Mr. Hessler to introductory meetings with Turkish government officials. EXBS team completed preparations for the DOE, International Non Proliferation Export Control Program, (INECP) pre-deployment training for X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Portable Metal Analyzers, and the CIT Exchange scheduled for October 13-16 in Ankara. Additionally, the EXBS team initiated preparations for the upcoming Radiation Academy (RADACAD) and International Border Interdiction Training (IBIT) programs for Turkish Customs Officers and Turkish Atomic Energy Authority representatives to be conducted in Richland, Washington and McAllen Texas, November 2-13, 2009. END OF SUMMARY.
- 12. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period:
- ¶A. Meetings during the Reporting Period by EXBS Advisory Team:
- 11. September 1- EXBS Advisor accompanied PMA Counselor Godfrey and PMA Officer Lee to a meeting with Ahmet Gun, MFA Deputy Director General for Nonproliferation and Disarmament and Chief of Section Mustafa Yurdakul. In addition to introductions, the meeting provided the MFA,s positive feedback concerning the approval of the RADACAD and IBIT programs for (18) Customs Officers and (3) TAEK representatives. Additionally, the XRF pre-deployment training and Commodity Identification Training Exchange scheduled for October 13-16 was explained.
- 12. September 2 TDY Advisor Cummings, the EXBS Advisor and EXBS Coordinator met with Riza Mehmet Korkmaz, Customs Director General for EU and External Affairs for introductions and to discuss continued cooperation and support of Turkish Customs enforcement and interdiction efforts in support of non proliferation.
- 13. September 3 TDY Advisor Cummings, the EXBS Advisor and EXBS Coordinator met with Mehmet Guzel, Deputy Director General for Customs Enforcement, and Ender Gurleyik, Head of the Enforcement Department for introductions, to discuss enforcement programs, and to identify training needs. The discussion centered on the continuing need for Risk

Management Targeting training and utilization of the risk management process.

- ¶4. September 3 The EXBS Advisor attended two meetings with PMA Officer Rob Lee and representatives from the Department of Energy's Office of Global Threat Reduction. The first meeting provided Embassy staff with information concerning an upcoming cooperative program with Turkey to replace HEU with LEU. A second meeting, which involved both the DOE representatives and the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK), focused on the specifics of the agreement, and the procedures that will govern the transfer and security of the swap.
- 15. September 11 The EXBS Advisor met with the PMA Counselor, resident legal advisor, DEA Regional Director and FBI Attache to discuss a proposal for a joint visit to the eastern border of Turkey to meet regional law enforcement authorities and to observe Customs enforcement examinations and infrastructure at border gates with Iran and Georgia. A proposal has been submitted to the GOT for a possible late November visit.
- 16. September 16 The EXBS Advisor and EXBS Coordinator met with the Director General of Customs Enforcement Neset Akkoc for introductions and to discuss upcoming training programs for the XRF deployment, the RADACAD and IBIT training and to establish the current status of the ZBV X-Ray Van provided to Turkey by EXBS in 2008. The Director General stated that he is grateful for all of the training programs provided by EXBS, believes training is vital to the success of his

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agency, and looks forward to continued U.S. support. He explained that the ZBV X-Ray Van remains in the Customs warehouse as a regulatory change is necessary before they can take the vehicle on public roads. He will have his staff advise EXBS of the status of the regulation. He also suggested the EXBS team visit a number of Customs Border Gates to enable the EXBS Advisor better identify and assess training and equipment needs.

- <u>¶</u>7. September 17 The EXBS Advisor and EXBS Coordinator made an introductory call on Arslan Umut Ergezer, Trade Officer, and Burce Ari, Sector Manager for Justice, Freedom and Security from the European Union. We discussed current efforts of the Government of Turkey in satisfying EU requirements for Customs Border Control standards. Overlapping training and equipment grants were also discussed.
- 18. September 29 The EXBS Advisor and Coordinator met with Seyit Demirci, Head of the Turkish National Police (TNP) Department of Criminal Laboratories, and staff from the TNP's Bomb Disposal Section. One officer from Demirci's staff will attend the upcoming EXBS sponsored November 2-7 RADACAD training in Richland, Washington. The meeting provided an opportunity for the new EXBS advisor to introduce himself, and to discuss training programs in general. The meeting was conducted at the TNP's new office and training facility complex; the Advisor and Coordinator were provided a tour of the training facilities used for training TNP Bomb Disposal personnel.
- 1B. Training Conducted During the Period: None
- 1C. Equipment Delivered During this Period: The EXBS Team provided an operation manual (Turkish) to the HR Director at Customs for the Smith's Ion Scan device provided by EXBS in May 2009, to facilitate operator utilization and training.
- 1D. Imminent Training or Equipment Status: INECP will conduct training for Customs Officers October 13 15 on the XRF Metal Analyzer prior to deployment. Additionally, INECP will conduct a CIT Exchange seminar with representatives of TAEK on October 16 in Ankara. EXBS is coordinating the training,

and providing logistical support.

- 1E. Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security: None to report
- 13. Future Activities: The EXBS Advisor and Coordinator will escort a delegation of Turkish Customs Officers, One TNP Officer and up to 3 TAEK representatives to RADACAD Training in Richland, Washington November 2-7, 2009, before continuing to McAllen, Texas, November 9-14 to escort 18 Customs Officers to IBIT Training.
- 14. Red Flag Issues: None to Report
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